Stage 2 students at HPS are spectacular. You will find them busy learning with Mrs Pike in 3/2P, Mrs Miller in 3M, Mrs Dawes in 4/3D and also with Mr Burke in 4B.

Term 3 has been a huge term for Stage 2 but a fantastic one at that! Stage 2 students have been learning all about diaries, magnets, the British colonisation of Australia and much, much more!

The Spectacular Stage 2 webpage has been established to showcase all of the wonderful learning that is taking place in Stage 2 classrooms including art works, quality work, photos and even video productions.

We hope you enjoy this spectacular Term 3 showcase!

**ENGLISH**

This term Stage 2 have been engaging in a ‘Dear Diary’ unit of work. This unit of work encompasses speaking and listening, writing, reading and is reflective of the new NSW English syllabus. Throughout the unit students have studied diary style texts such as *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Dear Dumb Diary*, *Dork Diaries* and *Penny Pollard’s Diary*. Students have reviewed how diaries are written and have begun to keep diaries themselves to reflect their thoughts, feelings and ideas. Building on this, Stage 2 studied perspectives and have written diary entries and recounts based on different perspectives. Check out these diary entries based on the perspective of a dog who has to take a bath!

As diary entries are written in past tense recalling events series of events, Stage 2 have also refined their recount writing skills. 3M reviewed the structure of recounts and then wrote a recount from the perspective of being a shoe for a day. What adventures the shoes from 3M had! They used the app ‘Chatterpix’ on the iPads to bring their recounts to life with a talking shoe! Check the videos out!
3/2P have written recounts about being reversed for a day! The level of imagination students reflect in their writing in Stage 2 is amazing! Read these great adventures below.

Reading, writing and talking about diaries made Stage 2 realise a lot of things; most importantly that diaries are written in first person, where the author refers to him/herself and his/her thoughts, feelings and ideas. Stage 2 then wondered how different this is to the third person writing, where the author states facts and refers to others by name. Stage 2 decided newspapers were great examples of this. Writing to recount events in third person was a learning task that challenged students to use the White Thinking Hat to find the facts. Stage 2 have produced some great factual recounts using third perspective, check them out below.

Term 3 has been a wonderful term for growth in Stage 2. Mr Burke, Mrs Dawes, Mrs Pike and Mrs Miller are all amazed at the quality of Stage 2’s reading, writing, spelling, grammar and handwriting skills this term. Congratulations on a spectacular job Stage 2!

**MATHEMATICS**

Mathematics in Stage 2 is designed to engage students to apply their knowledge, skills and understanding of concepts to solve problems, real-life tasks and higher order thinking tasks. Stage 2 students often use iPad technology, hands on resources and also computer technology to deepen their understanding of content and to refine skills.

At HPS the Stage 2 Maths program is reflective of the new NSW Maths outcomes. You will often find 4B out and about with trundle wheels, compasses or rulers engaging in exciting tasks to deepen their understanding of concepts. If you visit 4/3D you will find students enjoying a variety of activities in Maths groups. 3M are often found in Maths time busily working through problems questioning and reflecting on how they achieved their answers. Those clever students in 3/2P are busy too; often found using different resources and having lots of fun while learning.

Have a look through our gallery of Maths photos that have been taken in the classrooms as students engage in different activities. We love learning at HPS!
This term in Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) Stage 2 have been studying the *British Colonisation of Australia*. This unit was highly complemented by our three day excursion to Sydney where students got to see first-hand where convicts slept, buildings convicts made, clothes they wore and much, much more.

The interest that this unit has generated in the students has been incredible. Stage 2 students have been fascinated to learn about how Aboriginal people first lived on the land, followed by Captain Cook’s discovery of Australia, the First Fleet, an in-depth look at convicts and lastly how the colonisation changed the way Australia was to how it is today.

The students in Stage 2 have engaged in several in-class research projects, amazing Video Conferences and in-depth discussions to deepen their understanding of Australia’s history. Below are just some of the quality work samples that students in Stage 2 have completed this term in HSIE.

Stage 2 students have enjoyed learning about magnets this term. Magnets, how they work and the Science behind it has had Stage 2 students buzzing with excitement! Students have explored the force of magnets, explored magnetic items within the classroom and school environment, used repelling forces to drive toy cars, made compasses and used them to follow directions for treasure, examined magnetic fields with iron filings and even explored the role magnets play in static electricity and circuits!

Every Thursday Stage 2 also come together to engage in *Experimentals*. Experimentals is a hands-on Science program that engages students in exploring kid-friendly Physics and Chemistry experiments. Each week, four students are rewarded the *Junior Scientist Award* and dress up in Science lab coats and glasses. These students help the teacher create the model experiment so students can see how the experiment works. Following this, students then break into their set groups and together enjoy creating their own experiments with their friends. Experiments so far in 2014 include exploding volcanoes, groovy lava lamps in a cup, exploding lunch bags, colour
explosions in milk, water tension with floating paperclips and even mouth tingling sherbet! Thursday afternoons are a greatly anticipated time for Stage 2! What fun we have!

Creative And Practical Arts encompasses Art, Dance, Drama and Music.

Stage 2 are currently busy creating fantastic show case pieces for the upcoming Cultural Day at HPS in Week 2 Term 4.

This term CAPA programs have reflected our British Colonisation of Australia unit. Students learnt the ‘Bound for Botany Bay’ sing-a-long, drew AMAZING First Fleet ships using charcoal for effect, created amazing Aboriginal artworks reflecting cave paintings, glittery fireworks over Sydney Harbour Bridge....and much, much more! Check out our Gallery below for some terrific snaps of our works.

What is even more exciting about CAPA in Stage 2 at HPS is the integration Stage 2 classes have with our neighbouring school Newcastle Junior School. Mrs Jody Tydd and Class 7 have engaged in art lessons with 4B and 3M this year and together have developed an in-depth appreciation of famous artists as well as created art works worthy of hanging in art galleries. These lessons with the very talented Mrs Tydd, have been an outstanding opportunity for all students involved as students interact and learn together, while developing empathy, tolerance and quality friendships with each other.

4B and Class 7 are currently working together to create a wonderful performance for our Cultural Day. Be sure to check them out!
**PDHPE**

Students in Stage 2 love being active. Soccer games and sports activities are very popular for Stage 2 students to engage in at lunch and recess times.

This year Stage 2 students have been involved in the PSSA Soccer and Netball competitions, where both boys and girls were involved in both sports representing our school. We are proud of their achievements this year.

In Term 3 Stage 2 students have been learning about Drug Education and Daily Decisions. This program is designed to support students in making positive choices in life as well as an understanding of medicines, how they should be stored and administered safely.

In PE Stage 2 students have been enjoying playing games and sports to develop skills such as running, kicking, throwing and striking. HPS places a large emphasis on developing sportsmanship skills when playing games. Students are developing skills to play fairly, work as a team and accept the outcome of games when playing in PE and in lunchtime games.

**Camp**

On Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} August 73 Stage 2 students boarded two buses to spend three days in Sydney. Over the three days students visited Taronga Zoo, sailed on a ferry to Circular Quay, enjoyed the Rocks Walking Tour and the Pylon Lookout as well as experienced walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. That was just Day 1! Day 2 saw students visiting the Art Gallery of NSW, Hyde Park, the Australian Museum and the Hyde Park Barracks. We had beautiful weather until our third and final day where after enjoying the Powerhouse Museum, Stage 2 headed for home early due to heavy rain. This was a wonderful experience for all involved. Our photos tell lots of great stories, find them in our Camp gallery!

**Term 4**

Term 4 in 2014 will see Stage 2 students engage in lots of new and exciting things. We also welcome Miss Emma Kavanagh to the Stage 2 team who is
completing her final practicum through the University of Newcastle with Mrs Miller on 3M. With the Spring Fair and Cultural Day coming up, as well as learning about living in Communities, the Human Body and much, much more Stage 2 are in for a great term! Stay tuned for updated information and photos later in the year.

HILLSBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

SPRING FAIR
Saturday 1st November 2014
11-4pm